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President's Message

By Archie Hill - W5AG

Field day will take place on June 22-23. We have secured the "Green Room" facility on the Rayne Frog Festival Grounds at no cost due to our non-profit status.

As Field Day Chair, my goal is for a coordinated effort as opposed to either just "fun" or "contesting." I propose that we compete in the 2A classification. This will allow for 2 HF rigs and a "free" VHF rig operating as W5DDL, and a "Get-on-the-Air" GOTA station (HF) operating as W5EXI. Scoring is based on QSO points (2-CW, Digital and 1-phone) multiplied by a power multiplier (x2 for 150 watts). Bonus points are added at about 100 pts per activity for: each HF rig up to 2; a press release; a public location; an information table; an NTS message sent to the Section Manager; 10 other NTS messages; a satellite QSO; 5 QSO's powered from a Solar battery; copying the W1AW Bulletin (any mode); conducting an educational activity (poster, demo, etc.); visitation by an elected official; a visit by an ARES served agency such as Red Cross, Salvation Army, or Law Enforcement; 50 GOTA QSO's supervised by a GOTA Coach; and at least one QSO from 5 persons up to age 18. That gives 1500 possible bonus points by my count. In past years Herman KN5GRK has been our "high-point" man through his valuable efforts on the bonus points. He could use some help. I wish to thank Sandy KE5KJF and Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD for again taking on the food and beverage service.

With the use of an air-conditioned facility we should be able to locate most rigs indoors. We will need an efficient means of passing cables (rf and power) into this room, perhaps with some window boards made with bulk-head fittings or drilled holes. We should have redundant generator power for the transmitting radios. In addition to the recently purchased club generator perhaps we can exercise one or more agency generators, such as the Salvation Army generators we used once before. With the rigs located on nearby tables we should be able to network a computer for each rig. Field Day logging software is now capable of networking which would allow each station to observe dupes and overall progress on a real-time basis. Logging software from WB3W and N3FJP has this capability. The WB3W software is oriented to the visually limited operators with large fonts.

The problem of interference from other radios transmitting with close together antennas can be addressed by use of a tri-plexer and a set of pass band filters. Dunestar sells a tri-plexer with 3 pass band filters for \$400. This allows a single tri-bander for 10, 15, and 20 meters to be used by up to three radios simultaneously. Pass band filters for 40 and 80 meters could be used for those separate antennas for about \$65 each. What else might we try to reduce interference? Perhaps we could eliminate all other radio use on the bands for which we have club antennas. One observation I made from the Go-kit Day was that digital modes are especially disruptive to users on other radios nearby. I think the additional filtering is worth the cost. I recommend that members look at the "YouTube" videos on HF Tri-plexers.

In my last column, I mentioned the ARRL VHF Contest June 8-10. There is an article in the June QST Magazine on page 80 giving an introduction to VHF contesting. Our next meeting will be on June 6.

CONGRATULATIONS KF5LUL!

by Jess Gillion - AARA Vice President

I married Brandi Lancon on Saturday May 18th! It was a wonderful day that I have been waiting on for a long time. My first wife of 13 years passed away on Feb, 6th 2012. So, I was a single Dad trying to raise my daughter Katja. Many of you may have met Brandi over the past few months at some of the ham events. She was born and raised in New Iberia and used to teach at my daughter's school. That's how we met.

We had a wonderful and small family wedding at Holy Cross Church performed by Deacon Matte. Deacon Matte is also a close family friend. So that made the event extra special.

Once we concluded the wedding and reception we went home to visit with a few family members from out of town then began packing for our "Honey Moon".

Now some of you know I like camping, so we did a honey moon camping trip! Since there is a tradition of the bride not letting the groom see her in the dress until she walks down the isle. I figured it would be cool to keep the honey moon spot a secret until her & met on the alter. Well, I did it and she was excited.

I wanted a location to camp that was new to us and not too far of a drive. So, I chose Chicot State park. The best part about it was that it would be a camping trip during the week.

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DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

Saturday, June 6th @ 7:00 PM
Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
Scott, LA

HAMFEST SCHEDULE**Slidell EOC Hamfest**

Slidell, LA

July 20, 2013

36th Annual WCLARC Hamfest

Leesville, LA

August 10, 2013

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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MAY 2013 AARA MEETING MINUTES

May 2, 2013

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA President, Archie Hill W5AG opened the meeting. Herman led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 30 members in attendance.
- Members introduced themselves and gave their comments on contacts and projects during the last month.

Minutes: The April minutes were not read as they were posted in the May LARC – accepted as written.

Budget: Joy Breaux N5YCS gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Gena Faulk, seconded by Paula Romero KF5CNS, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

Old Business: Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, purchased a EU2000 Honda generator for the Club.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, mentioned that most of the Safety upgrades for the antenna trailer were complete. There was some discussion on the type of flooring for the trailer. He still needs to get the orange safety cones.

Herman Campbell KN5GRK, gave the donations to the Red Cross and Salvation Army.

Field Day Prep:

Saturday, May 11, at 8:30 a.m. Go Kit Day at Ed Roy's farm.

Saturday, May 25, at 9 a.m. Field Day Prep. at Danny Daigle's KD5JSM home.

If necessary, Saturday, June 1, at 9 a.m. Field Day Prep. at Danny Daigle's KD5JSM home.

Other:

The Club approved linking our repeater to the Louisiana State Repeater Network during emergencies.

The Club voted to proceed with the setting up of a radio station at the Red Cross building on Pat St., Lafayette, La.

New Business:

After considering several sites the Club gave Archie Hill W5AG, permission to try to reserve the Green Room at the Rayne Convention Center for Field Day, June 22 & 23, 2013.

Archie Hill, W5AG, will be the Field Day Chairman and Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, and Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF will handle the food.

Greg Dolan K5KFT needs a back-up for VE testing stocking distributor.

On motion by Joy Breaux, seconded by Don Strodtman NJ5X, the Club approved going to the Golden Corral on the first Thursday in December for our Christmas Party.

Archie Hill W5AG spoke about a VHF contest on June 8 & 9. Nick Pugh K5QXJ, Arnold LeMaire KE5JXC will also be on the committee. They are trying to get the youth involved in contesting.

The Children's Museum Camp was also discussed.

President Archie Hill W5AG introduced our guest speaker, Roland Guidry NA5Q. Roland spoke about DXCC (Long Distance Century Club). You have to make 100 different foreign contacts; each a discrete geographical or political entity. Then, you can apply for a certificate. All contacts have to be confirmed. Logbook of the World is good to keep track of your contacts. Another good logging program is Logic 9. CW Skimmer and CW Get will decode CW for you.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
AARA Secretary 2013

2013 SLIDELL EOC HAMFEST

Sponsored by the OZONE Amateur Radio Club

Date: Saturday July 20, 2013

Location: John Slidell Park
Gymnasium

Time: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Talk-in: 147.27/87 PL 114.8

Admission: \$5.00 (includes 1
raffle ticket)

Commercial Dealers: MFJ, Regal-Brown, MCM Computers, Sign Man of Baton Rouge, Bamcom, Gifts 4 Hams, Hub City

VE Testing - Forums - Main Prizes - Hourly Prizes - Ladies Raffle.

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May VE Test Session Report

The May 2, 2013 VE Test Session resulted in the following:

Jeffery S. Mahler of Lafayette, LA upgraded to General Class License.

John P. North of Abbeville, LA upgraded to General Class License.

VE's supervising the test session were:

Greg Dolan II - K5LFT, Ric Wallace - KF5KEL, Albert Fabacher - KF5WP, Mark Saltzman - W5GTI and Archie Hill - W5AG.

VE Testing usually takes place on the first Thursday of each month at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, LA at 6:00 PM local time.

TRIBUTE TO WAYNE GORDON - K5DF - SK

By Michael J. Nolan - KD5MLD



Wayne Gordon, K5DF, passed away at home on Saturday morning, May 18, 2013, at the age of 71. Wayne was a pillar in our local amateur radio area as well as a beloved friend. Professionally, Wayne retired as an electrical and instrumentation engineer who worked with Texas Instruments in Dallas and Exxon in Baton Rouge and later as a consultant.

He demonstrated over his 57 years in amateur radio his helpfulness & ingenuity and elmered a lot of us. Active in local amateur radio his call sign for 51 years was K5EOA. He is a recipient of the QCWA Meritorious Award as well as the Stanley Preston and BR Amateur Radio Award for his services. His passion was DXing and received the DXCC Honor Roll Award and the 5 Band DXCC Award. Wayne has served at numerous ham-fests as a "card checker" for the DX Association awards. He was associated in organizing the Red Stick DX Association. Wayne later pursued QRP and was very active in Foxhunting. Wayne enjoyed CW and was a very active operator during Field Day for the BRARC. Wayne was a net controller for the QWCA and the BRARC's BR Public Service Net providing local, weekly roll calls for local hams. Wayne was an educator and participated in numerous license classes for persons interested in amateur radio. He was a great storyteller of the history of local amateur radio as well.

Wayne will truly be missed. Wayne is survived by his spouse, Maureen, WD5GMB.

CONGRATULATIONS KF5LUL!

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So the park would be almost empty. And it was! We drove around and only saw 2 other campers in the whole park. The park attendant let us pick a spot anywhere wanted to put the camper!

My wife and I like to go walking, especially on nature trails. Chicot has some of the best trails in the state. One of them is 22 miles long! Of course we didn't tackle that monster. But we did several of the smaller ones. Along the way we picked up shoes full of chiggers! They were out in full force. But hey, bugs gotta eat too!

The trip went flawless except for one of the nights we had a severe thunder storm roll in. As you can imagine it is a bit un-nerving to ride that out in a camper. So we didn't sleep well that night.

It was a great time and we spent a week camping enjoying the start of our wonderful new life together. It was special being able to finally relax and enjoy nature and each other. Soon, we plan to bring Katja there for a nice long weekend family camping trip. She loves camping and fishing too.

73

Jess Gillion
KF5LUL

ARRL FIELD DAY LOCATOR

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day-locator>

See where our club and others near you are located.

Pre-Field Day Checkout - May 25, 2013

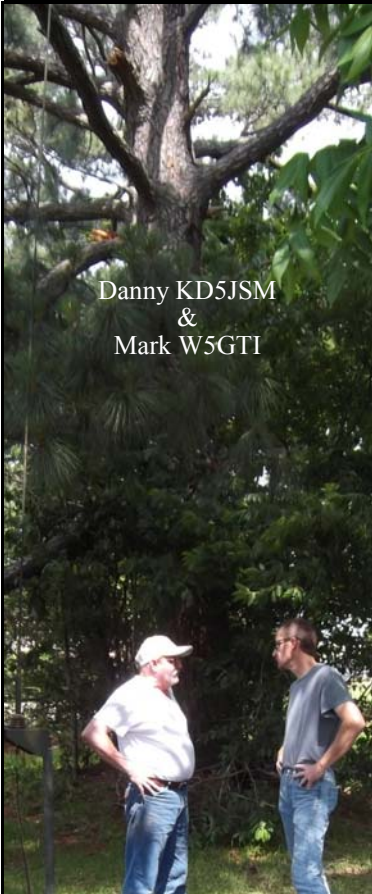


Archie W5AG - Field Day
Chairman



On Saturday May 25th, a pre-checkout of our Field Day equipment was held at 9:00 am at the QTH of Danny Daigle KD5JSM. This consisted of a check-out of antennas, cables, radios, computers, logging software, generators, tower trailer and tower along with some other antennas.

I (Herman KN5GRK) went over and took a few pictures but did not stay long. From what I understand, everything went well.



Danny KD5JSM
&
Mark W5GTI



Inside view of AMOS
Emergency Van



Shot of AMOS
Emergency Van



Mrs. Sandy KE5KJF went through the AMOS Van with a fine tooth comb and did a cleaning job. It really needed it as it had been a while since last used.

Thanks Sandy

Here is a list of those who showed up for the Field Day check-out:

Guys:

Archie W5AG, Glen KF5FNP, Mark W5GTI, Danny KD5JSM, Tom W5OHJ, Dave N4ELM, Fred W5MLE, Nick KE5MWX, Larry KE5KJD, and Herman KN5GRK.

Gals:

Sandy KE5KJF, Kathy KD5TJZ, Karen KE5RPI, and Paula KF5CNS

A **"GO KIT"** event took place on Saturday, June 1st, at Danny KD5JSM's QTH at 9:00 am. Band conditions were terrible and the event was not much of a success. A report will be in the July issue of the LARC.

MAY 2013 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	38	Ø	55	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	74	1	151	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	29	2	76	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	4	36	Ø	70	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

"I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work."
- Thomas Alva Edison (1847-1931)

AARA 2013 Field Day

By Herman Campbell KN5GRK - Public Information Officer & LARC Editor

It was decided by club majority to hold our 2013 Field Day exercise in the "Green Room" at Gossen Memorial Park on Frog Festival Drive. The Green Room is the next to last building on Frog Festival Drive (building with the swimming pool). Field Day will be on Saturday & Sunday June 22 & 23, 2013. The building is air conditioned and has restroom facilities. The building is being available without charge to the AARA. See our President's Message on page 1 for more detailed information.

This year, I plan to do my usual part for Field Day. I will provide a handout table with literature, brochures, photos, and sign-in roster. I will handle the Radiogram traffic from the site for extra points and attempt to copy the Field Day Bulletin. I will also be sending a news release to the local media to help get the word out.

I am asking our club members that attend the June General Meeting to bring the names, addresses, and phone numbers for friends or relatives and create a Radiogram. I will bring blank forms to the meeting.

And of course, we would like to have some volunteers to come out on Saturday morning to help set up, operate during the event, and help take down on Sunday.

DO YOUR PART TO MAKE THIS A "FUN" EVENT!

**HURRICANE SEASON
STARTED
ON
JUNE 1ST**

BE PERPARED

According to Dr. Gray's prediction, this is supposed to be a very active year.



June 16, 2013

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

6/5	KAREN	KE5RPI
6/6	MARK	KE5NTW
6/7	JOSEPH	KE5HTJ
6/11	SANDRA	KE5KJF
6/15	MIKE	W5SIY
7/1	CHARLES	K5UA
7/2	EUGENE	WA5KNC

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.

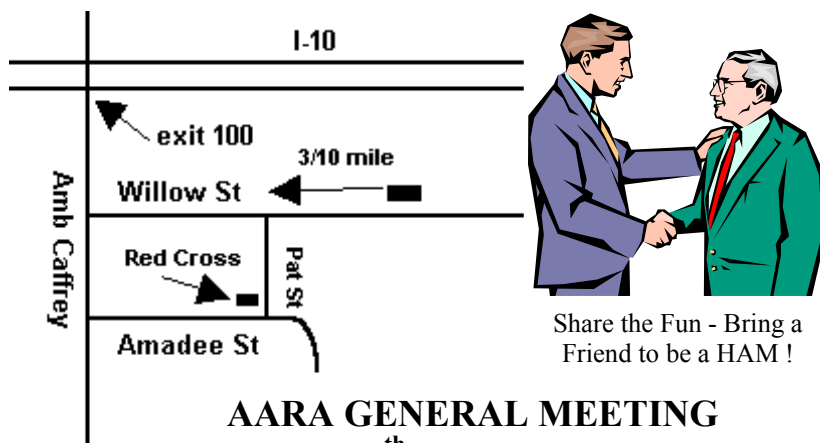
AARA Membership Dues

Support your local Amateur Radio Clubs. This is one way they meet expenses such as maintaining club repeaters, equipment, newsletters and many other projects to keep amateur radio alive.

It is time to pay dues of \$20.00 for 2013. If you are over 65 you pay only \$10.00. We currently have 77 paid up members.

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Share the Fun - Bring a
Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

June 6th, 2013 - 7:00 PM

VE TESTING TONIGHT - 6:00 PM

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM - 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE

Tomato & Corn Pie <http://www.realcajunrecipes.com/>

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|---|---|
| 2 pie crust | 1 3/4 pound beefsteak tomatoes |
| 1/2 pound fried and crumbled bacon | 1 1/2 cup corn (from about 3 ears), |
| 1/3 cup Parmesan cheese | coarsely chopped by hand |
| 1/3 cup mayonnaise | 2 tbsp. finely chopped basil, divided |
| 2 tbsp. Fresh lemon juice | 1/4 tsp. black pepper, divided |
| 1/2 cup crumbled Gorgonzola cheese, di- | 1/2 cup coarsely grated Gruyere cheese, |
| vided | divided |

Directions

Line a deep glass pie pan with one pie shell, sprinkle with bacon and Parmesan cheese. Preheat oven to 400°F with rack in middle. Whisk together mayonnaise and lemon juice.

Cut an X in bottom of each tomato and blanch in a large pot of boiling water 10 seconds. Immediately transfer with a slotted spoon to an ice bath to cool. Peel tomatoes, then slice crosswise 1/4 inch thick and, if desired, gently remove seeds and extra juices. Arrange half of tomatoes in pie shell, overlapping, and sprinkle with half of corn, one tablespoon basil, 1/2 tablespoon chives, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/8 teaspoon pepper and one cup of cheeses. Repeat layering with remaining tomatoes, corn, basil, chives, salt, and pepper. Mix lemon mayonnaise and pour over filling and sprinkle with remaining cheese.

Place other pie shell over filling, folding overhang under edge of bottom crust and pinching edge to seal. Cut 4 steam vents in top crust and brush crust with melted butter (2 teaspoons). Bake pie until crust is golden and filling is bubbling, 30 to 35 minutes, and then cool on a rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Makes 6 servings - Prep Time: 15 minutes - Cook Time: 35 minutes - Ready: 50 minutes.

Send your favorite recipes to:
Herman Campbell KN5GRK
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FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VEC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

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